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Subject: FW: ATSDR R9 Weekly Report

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Western Branch Meeting: RD Knowles participated in the Western Branch meeting on Monday (8/10).

Don't Mess with Mercury (DMWM) Workgroup: HE Rayman joined the weekly call. The group discussed the educator webinar conducted by Sue Casteel and our contractor on Wednesday (8/12). We also discussed edits and comments to the 5-minute mercury awareness video that was shared by the contractor earlier this week. We also discussed status of the educator toolkit release plan proposed by the contractor. The CDC/OD/OC is considering the plan now. RD Knowles participated in the DMWM Webinar on Wednesday (8/12).

Health Educator Workgroup: HE Rayman joined the monthly call. Chris Poulet presented on his experience as a Field Safety Officer in West Africa as part of the Ebola response. Rayman and Ana Pomales asked the group questions about their interest in learning more about working with universities who house Superfund Research Programs. Rayman and Rep Gerhardstein plan to present to the Health Educator group on this topic next month.

Child Care Safe Siting Initiative: Rayman shared her thoughts with the Chair of the Technical Evaluation Panel Karen Gavin on two business plans for the communications services and support contract task order.

APHA/ATSDR Informing Decision-Making though Health Assessment: Rayman joined the 1-hour webinar.

Treasure Island Naval Base Inquiries: Update - RD Knowles received and responded to additional inquiries from Treasure Island residents. Knowles and Vianu will begin collecting data/information from the U.S. Navy and the CA Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) that may be helpful to the petition committee for its decision making process.

Gold King Mine Incident: ATSDR R9 Staff are coordinating with EPA R9, ATSDR and HHS through conference calls and emails. EPA R9 has deployed resources and OSCs and is currently focused on a stretch of the San Juan River extending from Farmington, NM to Mexican Hat, UT. R9 is conducting surface water sampling and sediment sampling along the San Juan River in the Navajo Nation at 11 monitoring sites, providing/assessing drinking water and agricultural water, coordinating with Regions 6 & 8 and the Navajo Nation, and providing community outreach. Additional information is provided in the daily Situation Reports. ATSDR R9 staff are attending the EPA R9 Regional Response Team (RRT) conference calls, the EPA Environmental Unit Toxicology conference calls, and ATSDR

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We are also providing updates and coordination with the HHS Regional Office and R9 ASPER.

Santa Susanna Field Laboratory (Ventura County, CA): Rep Vianu received a request for a copy of the petition and petition response letter from a member of the Physicians for Social Responsibility and was told that the request would have to go through the FOIA process. After discussion with ATSDR HQ management and the Office of General Counsel (OGC) it was determined that the documents could be released by the R9 office as long as they are properly redacted. The DTSC public meeting date has been changed and is now tentatively scheduled for some time this fiscal year. The Key Messages/Talking Points, and Q&A are in eClearance. R9 is in the process of sending out email communications to the other stakeholders, which include state and local elected officials, and other federal, state, county and local offices. Due to travel budget constraints, only one R9 person will attend the upcoming DTSC meeting. The site visit has been moved to next fiscal year. HE Rayman and Rep Vianu received the final (of 13) community summaries from our EPA intern. Rayman received a call and an email from a community advocate who shared information about the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils. The next site team meeting is Wednesday (8/19).

CA Technical Project Team (TPT): RD Knowles and HE Rayman participated in the monthly TPT call on Thursday (8/13). Some of the items discussed were (1) New Technical Assist Forms available on SharePoint; (2) Nanotechnology Workgroup that Dr. Windgasse will Co-chair; (3) CEHAT activities for the Southgate sites; and (4) Modesto, CA Dry Cleaning/TCE sites.

Other/Upcoming:

- Gerhardstein on AL - Monday (8/10) through Monday (8/24).
- Knowles on AL - Monday (8/17) through Friday (8/21). Returning Monday (8/25). Rep Vianu will be Acting RD during this time.
- Regional Information Steering Committee (RISC) - Rep Vianu will attend on Wednesday (8/19) in Oakland.

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